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SUBJECT: KHMER IN 29TH GA: DEVELOPMENTS SEPTEMBER 25

REF: (A) USUN 3397, (B) USUN 3399

SUMMARY: ASIANS REMAIN DIVIDED OVER WORDING OF JAPANESE DRAFT
AND WILL DISCUSS AGAIN SEPTEMBER 26. END SUMMARY.

1. ASIAN WORKING GROUP AT STAFF LEVEL MET AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 26 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF JAPANESE DRAFT AS REVISED AT MEETING SEPTEMBER 24 (REFTEL A).
2. AS REPORTED REFTEL B PARA 5, AWG AMBASSADORS AT SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING HAD DEBATED, INTER ALIA, ADVISABILITY OF RETAINING PARAGRAPH ON DEFERMENT, WITH MEETING ENDING BY EVERYBODY BUT JAPANESE STRONGLY FAVORING ITS RETENTION.
3. AT SEPTEMBER 26 MEETING, JAPANESE REPORTED THAT TOKYO HAD REINSTRUCTED MISSION TO PRESS FOR DELETION OF PARAGRAPH.

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4. JAPANESE, IN FACT, HAD ASKED FOR MEETING TO IMPLEMENT THIS

INSTRUCTION. JAPANESE ARGUED THAT (A) GKR AND ALLIES NEED TO HAVE RESOLUTION ON BASIS OF WHICH TO LOBBY GRAY AREA COUNTRIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SUPPORT; (B) RESOLUTION WITHOUT PARAGRAPH 4 WOULD ENABLE ALLIES TO ARGUE EFFECTIVELY THAT ONCE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BRUNK RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT BE VOTED UPON BECAUSE SYG'S GOOD OFFICES WOULD ALREADY BE UNDER WAY.

5. AS OF LATE EVENING SEPTEMBER 26, WE HAD NOT HEARD JAPANESE VERSION OF MEETING. CHHUT CHHOEUR, HOWEVER, TOLD US THAT ALL BUT JAPAN REMAINED OPPOSED TO DELETION OF PARAGRAPH 4. CHHUT SAID THAT BOT THAIS AND JAPANESE PRESSED HIM TO GIVE FIRM OPINION, BUT HE DECLIED TO DO SO. IN END, FIJI PROPOSED "COM-PROMISE" BY WHICH PARAGRAPH 4 WOULD BE DELETED BUT VIRTUALLY SAME IDEA WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN ANOTHER PARAGRAPH. THUS, RESOLUTION AS OF SEPTEMBER 26 NOW READS:

(PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF CAMBODIAN QUESTION)

RECOGNIZING THAT THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA IS OF CONCERN TO ALL MEMBER STATES AND ESPECIALLY TO THE COUNTRIES SITUATED CLOSELY TO THE AREA,

BELIEVING THAT THE KHMER PEOPLE THEMSELVES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SOLVE THEIR OWN POLITICAL PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE,

BELIEVING ALSO THAT SUCH POLITICAL SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED BY THE INDIGENOUS PARTIES CONCERNED,

CONSIDERING THAT THE U.N. SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH MAY PREJUDGE THE DECISION OF THE KHMER PEOPLE THEMSELVES AND WHICH MAY PROLONG THEIR TRAGIC SUFFERING AND LOSS OF LIFE.

1. URGES THE INDIGENOUS PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO HOLD TALKS, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE KHMER PEOPLE,
 2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT THE TALKS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, AND REPORT TO THE 30 TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
 3. CALLES UPON ALL MEMBER STATES TO RESPECT THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS, BEGIN BRACKETS AND DECIDES NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME WHICH MAY PREJUDICE THOSE TALKS. END BRACKETS
 4. BEGIN BRACKETS DECIDES IN THE MEANTIME NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON THE QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM 23
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AT THE 29TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. END BRACKETS

6. AWG AMBASSADORS WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 26 TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION FURTHER, AS WELL AS OTHER TACTUNAL QUESTION.

7. COMMENT: IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH MISOFF EVENING SEPTEMBER 25, OHTAKA REFLECTED HIS MISSIONS CONTINUING DOUBTS ABOUT VALUE OF PARAGRAPH 4 AND HIS CONTINUING CONCERN THAT AWG DELEGATIONS WERE "DRIFTING" AND WITHOUT SHARP ASSESSMENT OF TACTICAL REALITIES. THE PROBLEM OF DEVELOPING

EFFECTIVE DRAFT TO USE AS LOBBYING BASE AND OF OBTAINING PRIORITY FOR THE RESOLUTION WAS HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN.

8. CHHUT CHOEUR HAS INDICATED TO US THAT HE MAY STIMULATE THAIS TO CALL MEETING FOR MORNING SEPTEMBER 27 OF JAPANESE, THAI AND USUN STAFF PLUS CHHUT HIMSELF. PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WOULD BE TO GET ON RECORD OUR OPINION OF WORDING OF RESOLUTION BEFORE AWG AMBASSADORS MEET IN AFTERNOON.

9. WE INTEND TO BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS ABOUT COMING DOWN HARD EITHER ON SIDE OF JAPANESE OR ON SIDE OF OTHERS SINCE WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN COHESIVENESS OF GKR'S ASIAN ALLIES AND THEREFORE DO NOT WANT TO EXACERBATE FRICTION THAT APPARENTLY ALREADY EXISTS ON THIS ISSUE, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN TAHIS AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS HERE. CHHUT, WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS FRANKLY, SHARES OUR CONCERN. END COMMENT.
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